

THE ERECTION OF STIRLING PRESBYTERY, 1581

[*The earliest extant minute of any presbytery in Scotland. It had no punctuation.—T. M.*]

The Elderchip of Struiling was erectit upone ye viii day of August ye 3eir of god jaj v^e lxxxj 3eirs be M^r Robert montgūrie and M^r Andro grahame cōmissionars appointit be ye last g^rall assemblie haldin at glasg^w to y^t effect—

The namis of the mīsters and elders pūtlie convenit quha acceptit upone yame offeice & plaice in ye said p̄bry be solem promiseis in ye p̄ns of god yair hands beand haldin up promesūg faithfullie to exerceis yair officis yin conform to ye word of god unto ye end of yair lywis as it sall plais god to minister unto yame ye giftis of his holie spirit.

MINISTERS—M^r Robert montgūrie mīster at Striuling: Patrik gillaspie mīster at S. Ninians kirk: Andro forester mīster at falkirk: M^r Andro Yung mīster at Dumblane: Alex^r fargy mīster at Logy: Robert mentay^t mīster at Alway^t: M^r Adame m̄schell mīster at fossowy: Thomas swintoun mīster at mukert.

ELDERIS for ye kirk of Striuling—Adame Comendator of Cambuskynne^t: Umphra cwnynghame cōmiss^r of Striuling: M^r James pont cōmiss^r of Dumblane: Johnne Layng burges of Striuling. for S. Ninianis kirk—Alex^r forester of garden: Duncane narne of torbreks: Alex^r patirsone in corspatrik. for Logy—Adame spittall of blair logy: James alschundur in mainis.

The refuse of
M^r Andro
grahame and
michaell
lermonth to
accep plaice
in ye p̄brii &
ye said M^r
Andro's

M^r Andro grahame mīster at Dunblane & Michaell lermouth mīster at Kilbryd beand desyrit be M^r Ro^t montgomrie and ye bretherein foirsaid yai yān beand p̄nt to accept offeice & plaice in ye elderschip foirsaid and to submit yame selfis to ye Iurisdiction yof Refusit to do ye same and protestit ye said M^r Andro grahā yat yis his consent to ye erecting of the elderschip of Struiling sould not be preiudiciall to him in caice yair sould be ane p̄brii heirefter appointit in Dunblane.

Electing of
the seryb.

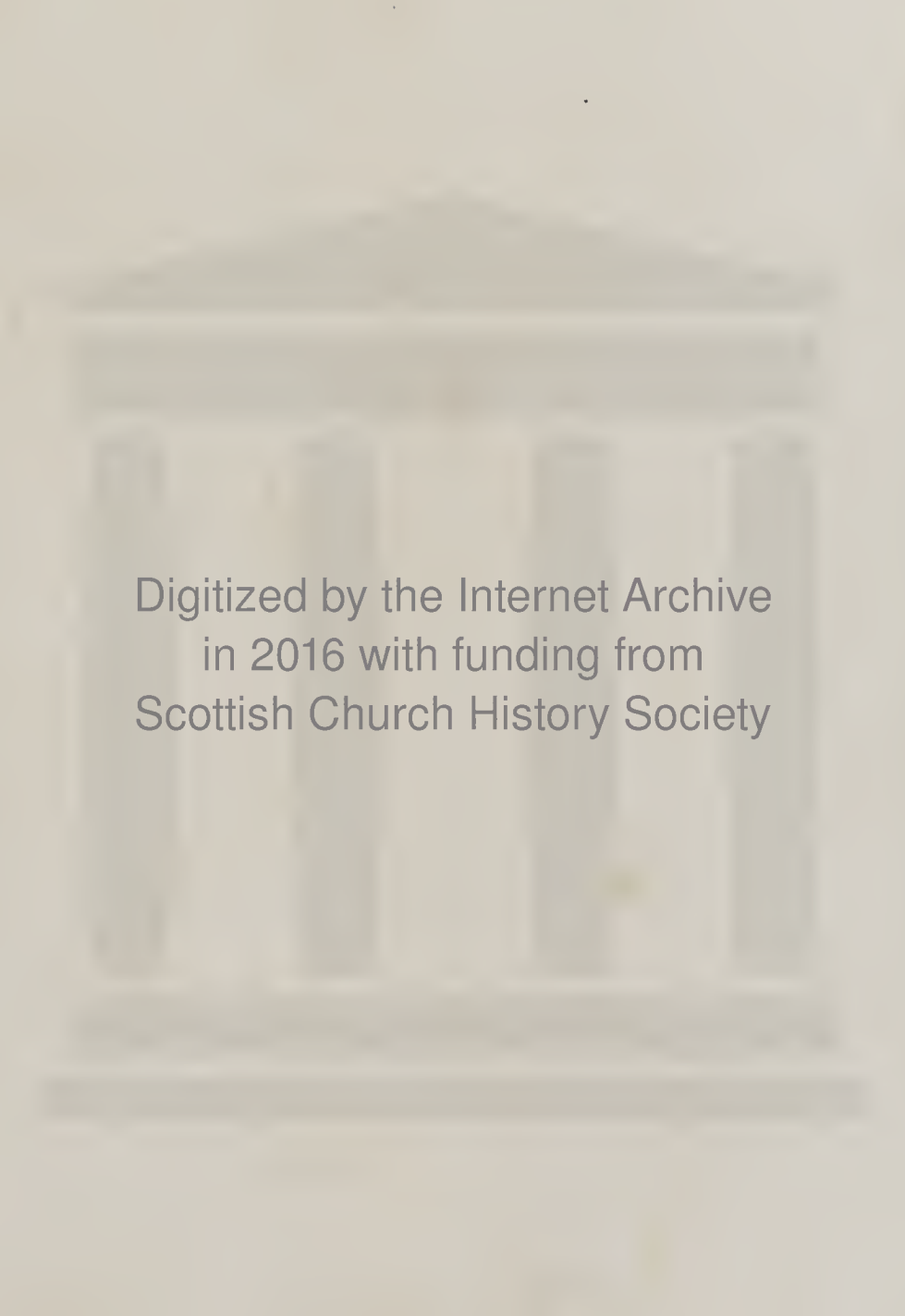
The same day ye bretherein p̄nt w^t cōmone consent electit James duncansone redar in ye kirk of Struiling clark to the said p̄brii.

Electing of
ye moderator.

The same day Patrik gillaspy mīster at S. Ninianis kirk was chosin be moniest votts moderator to ye said elderschip unto the nixt provinciall assemblie.

qhat ho^r ye ex-
exerceis sall
begin.

The bretherein ordanis the exerceis to be kept Ilk tysday at ix ho^{rs} and the bell to rigne befoir ye ho^r ane reasonable spaice.



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